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- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 10-108057 (OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO LTD), published April 24 1998.

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- (2) Honda et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,124,842, issued June 23, 1992.

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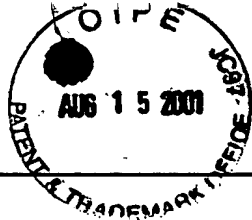
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